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SUBJECT: CONSTITUTENT ASSEMBLY: THREATS AGAINST DEPUTIES

1. WE HAVE IT FROM PRESS AND OTHER SOURCES THAT SINCE APRIL 3 AT LEAST EIGHT CA DEPUTIES HAVE RECEIVED THREATENING LETTERS VARIOUSLY SIGNED BY "38 PROGRESSIVE JOURNALISTS" AND "THE ASSOCIATION OF PATRIOTS". FOUR OF THESE LETTERS HAVE BEEN ACCOMPANIED BY BOXED CONTAINING GRENADES PAINTED RED. LETTERS WERE CRITICAL OF CONSTITUTION, LABEL-

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LING IT UNDEMOCRATIC AND COUNTER-REVOLUTIONARY. ONE LETTER WARNS "OBSTINATE DEPUTIES" TO CHANGE OPPORTUNISTIC ATTITUDE AND "END ACTS HARMFUL TO COUNTRY" OR FACE STRONG MEASURES METED OUT BY PROGRESSIVE JOURNALISTS AND PEOPLE. ANOTHER LETTER THREATENS LIFE OF DEPUTY IF HE MAKES KNOWN RECEIPT OF LETTER AND WARNS HIM TO CHANGE "REPUGNANT ATTITUDE WHICH IS CONDEMNED BY THE PEOPLE".

2. SOURCE OF THESE THREATS HAS NOT BEEN POSITIVELY IDENTIFIED ALTHOUGH POLICE INVESTIGATION IS REPORTEDLY UNDERWAY. LOCAL PRESS HAS GENERALLY AVOIDED LABELLING THESE ACTS AS VC TERROR AND THERE HAS BEEN INEVITABLE SPECULATION THAT ACTS ARE RESULT OF PRE-ELECTION INFIGHTING BETWEEN NATIONALIST POLITICAL FACTIONS OR ATTEMPT BY MILITARY TO KEEP CIVILIAN POLITICIANS OFF BALANCE.

3. IN CONVERSATION WITH [redacted] MARCH 7 [redacted] b-1 ed

CLOSE TO PRIME MINISTER KY) EXPRESSED CONCERN OVER THREATS TO DEPUTIES. HE SAID THERE IS WIDESPREAD BELIEF THAT POLICE

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DIRECTOR GENERAL LOAN IS INVOLVED IN AFFAIR, BOTH BECAUSE OF HIS

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REPUTATION FOR MOUNTING SIMILAR OPERATIONS IN PAST AND HIS WELL-KNOWN CRITICAL ATTITUDE TOWARD CONSTITUTION AND CA DEPUTIES. HIMSELF MADE IT CLEAR THAT WHILE HE WAS NOT CERTAIN OF LOAN INVOLVEMENT, HE BELIEVED IT COULD EASILY BE THAT LOAN IS INVOLVED, AT LEAST INDIRECTLY. WENT ON TO SAY THAT SUSPICIONS THUS AROUSED VERY BAD FOR REPUTATION OF PRIME MINISTER KY AND HIS PROSPECTS FOR BEING ELECTED PRESIDENT. HE PLANS TO TALK TO PRIME MINISTER AND GENERAL LOAN AS SOON AS POSSIBLE TO EXPRESS HIS CONCERN. b-1 ed

4. WHATEVER FACTS ARE, IMPORTANT THING IS THAT GVN BEHAVIOR TOWARD POLITICIANS (CA DEPUTIES, CANDIDATES IN FORTHCOMING LOCAL AND NATIONAL ELECTIONS, ETC.) BE ABOVE REPROACH AND SUSPICION. GVN MUST ALSO SPARE NO EFFORT TO PROVIDE SECURITY FOR PERSONS ENGAGED IN CONSTITUTIONAL PROCESS. I HAVE ALREADY MADE THESE POINTS WITH PRIME MINISTER AND THEY WILL ALSO BE MADE BY OTHER MISSION OFFICERS WITH APPROPRIATE GVN OFFICIALS.

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